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SUMMARY: THE YUGOSLAVS ARE WELL SATISFIED WITH TITO'S VISIT BUT
REMAIN CONCERNED OVER FUTURE SOVIET POLICY AFTER TITO PASSES FROM THE
SCENE. YUGOSLAVS REQUESTED 40 PERCENT INCREASE OF THEIR ORIGINAL
CREDIT OF 540 MILLION RUBLES; SOVIETS OFFERED 160 MILLION BUT
AGREED TO RECONSIDER AND REPLY AFTER 45 DAYS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUPPLEMENTARY READOUT OF THE TITO VISIT

BASED ON YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR SMOLE'S REMARKS TO THE AMBASSADOR AT DINNER ON AUGUST 27, PLUS COMMENTS GIVEN SEPARATELY TO AUSTRIAN DCM AND GREEK COUNSELOR BY YUGOSLAV DCM AND POLITIKA CORRESPONDENT BAJALSKI.

2. OVERALL THE YUGOSLAVS ARE WELL PLEASED WITH THE VISIT, SPECIFICALLY THE COMMUNIQUE (WHICH HAD BEEN HAMMERED OUT AND AGREED UPON WELL IN ADVANCE), SPEECHES AND ATMOSPHERICS. HOWEVER, NOTWITHSTANDING THE REPETITION OF THE FORMULAE THEY INSISTED UPON INSERTING IN THE COMMUNIQUE AND BREZHNEV'S REMARKS, THE YUGOSLAVS REMAIN UNCERTAIN AS TO SOVIET POLICY VIS A VIS BELGRADE AFTER TITO PASSES FROM THE SCENE. SOME SIDE YUGOSLAV COMMENTS:

--SMOLE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT IN DRAFTING THE COMMUNIQUE THE SOVIETS ASKED WHY THE YUGOSLAVS INSISTED ON REPEATING SO MANY OF THE PAST FORMULAE. THE YUGOSLAVS REPLIED, "BECAUSE WE WANT TO."

--POLITIKA CORRESPONDENT BAJALSKI, WHO IS WELL PLUGGED IN ON THE VISIT, SAYS THAT AT ONE POINT THE SOVIETS BALKED AT INCLUDING THE REFERENCE TO THE 1976 BERLIN CONFERENCE. THE YUGOSLAVS SAID THAT IF SUCH A REFERENCE WAS NOT INCLUDED THERE WAS NO NEED FOR A COMMUNIQUE; BOTH SIDES COULD MERELY ANNOUNCE THAT TITO MET WITH BREZHNEV. THE SOVIETS CAVED.

--IN OBVIOUS DEFERENCE TO YUGOSLAV SENSITIVITIES, HARDLINERS SUSLOV AND PONAMAREV WERE CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT THROUGHOUT
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VISIT; SOVIETS SAID SUSLOV WAS ON VACATION IN ARMENIA (SMOLE'S COMMENT: "A GOOD PLACE FOR HIM"); HARDLINER ZIMYANIN WAS AT THE BREZHNEV-TITO DINNER BUT SAID NOTHING.

3. ON ECONOMIC SIDE TITO'S ASSOCIATES ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL CREDIT OF 40 PERCENT ABOVE THE ORIGINAL SUM OF 540 MILLION RUBLES FOR SOME 40 SOVIET-ASSISTED INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, CITING COST INCREASES SINCE THE ORIGINAL CREDIT WAS EXTENDED. SOVIETS COUNTERED WITH OFFER OF ADDITIONAL 160 MILLION RUBLES BUT FINALLY AGREED TO RECONSIDER AND REPLY AFTER 45 DAYS.

4. SMOLE TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT APART FROM A SLUR IN HIS DICTION BREZHNEV WAS IN GOOD FORM THROUGHOUT THE MOSCOW VISIT. DURING THE TALKS HE READ HIS SCRIPT WELL AND, WHEN HE DEPARTED FROM IT, WAS LUCID. TITO WAS ALSO IN GOOD FORM, ALTHOUGH HE BECAME TIRED TOWARD THE END OF HIS STAY IN MOSCOW (REFTEL).

5. THE YUGOSLAVS WERE PLEASED WITH INDICATIONS THAT BOTH PYONGYANG AND PEKING WERE PREPARING RED CARPET TREATMENT. ONE SOURCE SAYS THAT WHEN SOVIETS LEARNED THAT TITO WOULD GO TO PEKING THERE WAS "COMMOTION" AT WORKING LEVEL BUT BREZHNEV DID NOT COMMENT. SOVIETS DID NOT ASK AND

TITO DID
NOT OFFER TO CARRY MESSAGE TO PEKING. YUGOSLAVS DECLINED
SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT TITO TRANSIT USSR ENROUTE HOME FROM PEKING.
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